



Oroville Facilities Relicensing FERC Project No. 2100 Plenary Group Meeting

Land Use, Land Management and
Aesthetics Resources Work Group
Resource Action Presentation
December 16, 2003



Land Use, Land Management, and Aesthetics Presentation Topics

- **Land Use, Land Management, and Aesthetics Work Group**
 - **Resource Actions Development Process**
 - **Sorting of Resource Actions**
 - **Cross Resource Assessment**
 - **Plenary Questions and/or Discussions**
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Land Use, Land Management, and Aesthetics Work Group

- Participants-DFG, BC, DPR, CDF, BLM, USFS, SWC, DWR/HET and Local Groups
 - Monthly meetings to identify, develop, and advance study plans and resource actions
 - Developed five study plans which were accepted by the Plenary Group
 - Reviewing draft study plan reports and concluding resource actions
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Resource Action Development Process

The Land Use, Land Management, and Aesthetics Resources Work Group has:

- Distilled the initial list of issues captured in the Issue Tracker into resource objectives
 - Produced Resource Action Identification Forms
 - Transferred RAs to other work groups
 - Reviewed RAIFFs and prioritized list of proposals
 - Agreed on recommendations to Plenary and PDEA Team for further analysis
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Sorting of Resource Actions

- ❑ The A List-Proposed RAs for Further Analysis
 - ❑ The B List-Proposed RAs Not Recommended for Further Analysis
 - ❑ The C List-Proposed RAs for Potential Settlement Discussions
 - ❑ The D List-Transfer RAs to Other Work Groups
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Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

The A List-Recommended for Further Analysis

□ The A List

- Nine priority resource actions that the Work Group agreed to forward to the Plenary Group and the PDEA team for further analysis
 - Primarily address aesthetics and land management issues within the Project boundary
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Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

The A List-Recommended for Further Analysis

Proposed Resource Actions to Improve Visual Quality of Project Lands

- Removal or screening of dump areas used by DWR and DPR (LWG-3)
 - Plant appropriate vegetation including trees at intervals east of Highway 99 to screen Afterbay levee and break up visual impact (LWG-17)
 - Remove the existing billboards east of Highway 99 (LWG-18)
 - Establish regular, routine trash debris collection program for public access areas, shorelines and camping areas (LWG-8)
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Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

The A List-Recommended for Further Analysis

Proposed Resource Actions to Improve Land Management of Project Lands

- Encourage use of native plantings around project facilities to limit water use (LWG-2A1)
 - Potential to transfer federal lands (BLM) within or nearby the Project to the State (LWG-4)
 - Provide an emergency fire and rescue boat for CDF (LWG-7)
 - Vegetation management plans and implementation to reduce biomass on wild lands adjacent and in the vicinity of urban areas (LWG-19)
 - Provide catch up funding to the DFG, enhance wildlife area, fund construction and maintenance (LWG-20)
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Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

The B List- Not Recommended for Further Analysis

- ❑ Six proposed resource actions not recommended for further analysis at this time, generally falling into one of three categories:
 - Considered infeasible
 - Outside the scope of FERC relicensing
 - Inconsistent with existing County objectives
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Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

The B List-Not Recommended for Further Analysis

- Develop a program to evaluate future development proposals within the Project Area to ensure preservation of open space.(LWG-2B)
- Potential for DWR to sell lands owned by the State.(LWG-5)
- Camouflage the power line towers with earth-tone paint within the project boundary.(LWG-13)
- The creation of a JPA lake water district utilizing the State Water Project area of origin entitlement of 27,500 acre feet.(LWG-26)
- A dollar amount will be negotiated for any sales of the Butte County water entitlement and set aside in a mitigation water bank fund.(LWG-27)
- During drought season and/or when the Lake Oroville water capacity falls below acceptable levels deemed appropriate by the Lake Oroville JPA, the SWC shall enforce water conservation methods.(LWG-29)

Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

The C List-Settlement Issues

- ❑ Four proposed resource actions identified and considered as potential settlement issues
 - Peripheral to relicensing activities
 - Land acquisition/public land trust

Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

The C List-Settlement Issues

- Watershed approach to reduce the intensity of wildfire and improve quality and quantity of useable runoff from the Feather River water shed by removal of ladder fuels in overstocked forest stands.(LWG-2)
- Transfer administration of a grazing lease from DWR to DPR when the current five-year lease terminates on 9/30/04.(LWG-16)
- A centralized facility is needed for law enforcement and fire/rescue protection in the highly visible low flow recreation area that is central to the Thermalito Afterbay Outlet, Oroville Wildlife Area, and Low Flow Recreation Area.(LWG-24)
- Protect and enhance the Forebay wildlife resources. Campbell Hills must be purchased and included in the Thermalito Forebay SRA to protect the biological integrity of the area.(LWG-31)

Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

The D List-Transfer to Other Work Groups

- ❑ Five proposed resource actions to transfer to other work groups for more appropriate consideration and possible development

Sorting of Resource Actions (cont'd)

The D List-Transfer to Other Work Groups

PROPOSED RESOURCE ACTIONS TO TRANSFER TO OTHER WORK GROUPS

- ***To Environmental Work Group***
 - Develop a Vegetation Management Program. Use site specific, integrated pest management, employing mechanical, cultural, biological, and/or chemical methods. (LWG-2A)
 - ***To Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group***
 - Increase communication on issues relating to present DWR land usage around the lake area so it can shift to appropriate public use.(LWG-1)
 - Bedrock Park Renovation. A Renovation of Bedrock Park river corridor by updating the 1977 Feather River Enhancement Project.(LWG-25)
 - Requested that Matthews Ready Mix property leased to Matthews by the Wildlife Conservation Board be put into a public trust for accessibility by all.(LWG-30)
 - ***To Engineering and Operations Work Group***
 - Lake Oroville Oversight Committee.(LWG-23)
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Cross Resource Assessment

Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group plans to meet with other Work Groups to discuss cross resource issues

❑ **Recreation/Socioeconomics Work Group:**

- Removal of existing billboards
- Regular, routine trash debris collection program (primarily at recreation facilities)

❑ **Environmental, Cultural Resources, and Engineering and Operations Work Groups:**

- Plant appropriate vegetation including trees at intervals east of Highway 99 to screen Afterbay levee and break up visual impact
 - Removal or screening of dump areas used by DWR and DPR (includes removal of material from Feather River)
 - Vegetation Management Plans and implementation to reduce biomass on wild lands adjacent and in the vicinity of urban areas
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Plenary Group Questions and/or Discussions?
